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MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY

United Indian Associations Incorporated (UIA) is an umbrella organisation made from a number of Associations and Groups from the Indian Community who call Australia home.

Since its inception in 1994, the UIA has come a long way. The vision of the UIA is to have an integrated Indian Community in a multicultural Australian society that contributes to the social, cultural, economical and political arena. UIA endeavours to facilitate Indians in Australia particularly new migrants, business people, students and other Non Resident Indians. The UIA is now well acclaimed in the Federal, State and Local governments.

Late last year we supported the initiatives undertaken by Technocrats Association of Australia in helping students and new migrants in guiding avenues for their progress while their stay in Australia. We heard Community Issues through our Open Forum from Indian Community in general and asked them to present issues and their concerns. We raised these issues with relevant authorities at appropriate level. Earlier this year we extended our hands towards our old friends us as part of Unification. And I am happy to inform you that some new Associations have joined us during this period. Later this year we supported Indian Sports Club in organising and promoting sports among our Indian Community.

Our 12th India-Australia Friendship Fair on Sunday the 14th August 2005 at Sydney Athletic Centre, Sydney Olympic Park was the biggest and the best. This year about 15 to 20,000 people attended. Dignitaries from the Australian Federal, State and Local government and the Consul General of India were present on the occasion. More than 90 organisations participated in the Fair with a variety of stalls. Sydney Olympic Park Authority, Qantas, Western Union, Abhi's Indian Restaurant, Indian Link and ATA All Star Artists were among the prominent sponsors of the event. The fair presented a glimpse of India for the whole community - Indian & Australian and enabled us to experience the cultural heritage of India. Those of you who attended this Fair would have had an opportunity to sample the vast array of Indian latest costumes, food and cultural events.

Our doors are open to all Associations of Indian Origin who have similar Aims and Objectives to share concerns and join hands in resolving issues for our overall Community progress.

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